

THREE BURNED TO DEATH WOULD REGISTER

PISTOL OWNERS

**Capt. Peck Advocates a Law
to Compel Record of
Deadly Weapons.**

**FAVORS DESTRUCTION OF
UNMARKED REVOLVERS**

**Restriction of Sale and Permission
to Carry Firearms Is Heartily
Endorsed by Police**

Evil Should Be Cured
—Secretary Garrison

"Undoubtedly there is an evil, which should be cured if possible, in the possession of deadly weapons by persons whose only use of them must be in the protection of their lives. The people in this country, who each year suffer injury or death by the use of deadly weapons in the hands of others, shows that they are entitled to take up and studied carefully with a view to its proper solution. I do not pretend to have sufficient time or thought to the matter to contribute anything of value to the discussion. It would, of course, not do to prevent them who need weapons for their protection from having them, and I am sure that it would be the case of those who, as I have said above, could only make an improper use of them. Any restriction which is not based upon a thorough consideration of the whole question, and which results in doing more harm than good. The only useful thing that I can say, is that we should take the matter with great care, realize all the circumstances, and then do what seems best. In the light of that complete knowledge and understanding."

ADVANCES IN PASSENGER RATES SOON EFFECTIVE

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**Increases Amounting to One-Fourth
of a Cent a Mile to Be
Made in Fares.**

Tabulations of the proposed increase of passenger rates in trunk line and of special classification territories, including

The advances amount to one-fourth

The proposed advances were made by the railroads after the interstate commerce commission had suggested increased passenger fares as one method

Following are the old and new rate, the second rate in each instance being the proposed new rate from Washington to:

Columbus, \$12.10, \$12.75; Cincinnati, \$13.50, \$14; Indianapolis, \$15, \$16.53; Chicago, \$17, \$18; St. Louis, Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio, \$21, increase \$21.25; Chesapeake and Ohio, \$20, increase, \$20.23; Kansas City, \$26.25, increase \$26.85; Omaha, \$26.83, \$27.71; St. Paul, \$26.25, increase \$26.85.

Ogden, \$54.12, \$53.95; El Paso, \$52.31, no change; Portland, Ore., \$72.22, \$73.15; San Francisco, \$75.25, \$75.85.

Present and Proposed Fares.

From New York city the present and the proposed fares to various important points are as follows:

To Pittsburgh, Pa., \$10.50, \$11; Cleveland, \$13, \$13.10; to Columbus, Ohio, \$14.60, \$15.78; to Cincinnati, \$15.68; to Louisville, \$20, \$21.68; to St. Louis, \$18.15, \$19; to Chicago, \$20, \$21.10; to St. Louis, \$24.25, \$24.75; to Kansas City, \$29.75, \$30.25; to Omaha, \$30.11, \$31.21; to St. Paul, \$28.00,

From Chicago to various importers and
points the present and proposed fares
are as follows:

To Cincinnati, \$6, \$7.50; to Detroit, \$7,
\$7.74; to Toledo, \$5.50, \$5.85; to
Buffalo, \$12, \$13.10; to Indianapolis, \$12,
\$13.70, \$14.60; to Washington and Balti-
more, \$17.50, \$18; to Philadelphia, \$18.22,
\$19.10; to New York, \$20, \$21.16; to
St. Louis, \$22, \$23.10, and to St. Louis
\$5.80, \$7.50.

From St. Louis to various points the
present and proposed fares are as fol-
lows:

To Chicago, \$5.50, \$7.50; to Cincinnati,
\$8, \$8.65; to Toledo, \$10.80, \$11.16; to
Buffalo, \$12, \$13.10; to Indianapolis, \$12,
\$13.70, \$14.60; to Washington and Balti-

HIS CIVIL RIGHTS RESTORED.
Executive Order for Thomas M. Fields' Pardon Filed in Court.
 John R. Young, clerk of the District Supreme Court, received today a certified copy of a pardon granted by President Wilson to Thomas M. Fields, member of the District of Columbia bar, who was convicted of embezzlement in 1903.

1905 Mr. Fields was released from custody December 18, 1910, and according to the official paper, has since "conducted himself in an exemplary manner."

The pardon restores to Mr. Fields his civil rights. The lawyer had never been disbarred from practice.

W. A. McCormick Wins Divorce.

Walter A. McCormick has been granted an absolute divorce from Annie McCormick on his cross bill to her suit for a separation. Justice McCoy dismissed the wife's suit and granted the husband's request for a divorce. The

question of custody of the child is reserved for further consideration by the court. Attorney John M. George represented the husband and Attorneys, E. L. Gies and Michael C. O'Brien appeared for the wife.

A law which would require the owner or possessor of every pistol in the District of Columbia to declare such ownership and register the weapon would, in the opinion of a member of the police department, do much to put a stop to "pistol toting" and be

Favors More Stringent Law.
Capt. Charles T. Peck of the fir

the police force for many years, and has been connected with the investigation of many cases in which weapons have played the most important part. He thinks the present law and regulations will fail to safeguard the sales of weapons and weapons to protect the public from

Capt. Peck's past experience, he says, convinces him that a drastic restrictive regulation is badly needed in the District of Columbia. Not only would he have a stringent law governing the sale of weapons, he told a Star reporter, but he would also have the law

"It frequently happens that the unmarked and unnumbered weapon is the one used in homicides," he said, "and all such weapons should be destroyed. There is no way to trace such a weapon in a case of homicide or suicide unless a weapon can be traced and unless a weapon can be traced."

Capt. Peck favors the enactment of law that would require the purchaser of a weapon to have two reputable persons to vouch for his character, and would make the names of such persons part of the record of sale.

"In my opinion," said the captain, "every pistol in the District of Columbia should be recorded, and a person found with such a weapon that has not been registered should be punished. When a person loans a weapon to another person, the loan should be recorded."

"The law should make it possible for the police department to be able to trace every weapon in the District at all times," the captain concluded, "and then when a homicide is committed

Pistol "Toter" Demands Trial.

Charles E. Tibbs was the only defendant in a concealed weapon case before the Police Court today. A charge

assault had been preferred against him several days ago, William Patten appearing as complainant, and today the lesser charge of carrying a revolver with intent to use it was filed. Attorney Robert I. Miller appeared for the defendant and demanded a jury trial.

**B. H. Warner Declares That
Something More Than Local
Initiation Will Be Needed**

Legislation Will Be Needed

Restrictive legislation in the District of Columbia in regard to the sale of firearms and other dangerous weapons will be useless, according to E. F. Warner, until some means can be found

"Something more than local legislation is needed," said Mr. Warner, "the sale of firearms and deadly weapons is to be ended or even seriously curtailed. It will be unavailing to expect legislation attempting to prevent

the local sale of weapons so long as such weapons are advertised in one of the leading magazines and newspapers and can readily be bought direct from the makers and delivered through the mails or by express, either singly or in large lots.

to me by mistake. The bill was for a revolver that had been purchased by a gentleman living in the country, and was sent to him by parcel post."

and smaller places throughout the country, pistols, razors and knives of all kinds are sold daily over the counter, no questions being asked of the purchaser.

"Legislation for the District," he said, "will fail of its intended effect so long as all the pistols are

other weapons they want of mail-order houses or from manufacturers, and receive them by parcel post or express, and so long as such weapons can be bought unquestioned at any general store in a village or country community, where, if the proprietor does not happen to have the particular weapon for

In the Malay peninsula an English naturalist has discovered a species of ant that makes its nest in the fleshy stems of ferns that grow on high trees.